AP Calculus   Intervals of Inc/Dec & the 1st Derivative Test   Critical Homework (Answers)

1b)

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x^5 - 5x}{5}$

$f'(x) = x^4 - 1$

Critical numbers: $x = -1, 1$

(b)

Test intervals:	$-\infty < x < -1$	$-1 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Sign of $f'(x)$:	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Increasing on: $(-\infty, -1), (1, \infty)$

Decreasing on: $(-1, 1)$

(c) Relative maximum: $\left(-1, \frac{4}{5}\right)$

Relative minimum: $\left(1, -\frac{4}{5}\right)$

1c)

(a) $f(x) = (x + 2)^{2/3}$

$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x + 2)^{-1/3} = \frac{2}{3(x + 2)^{1/3}}$

Critical number: $x = -2$

(b)

Test intervals:	$-\infty < x < -2$	$-2 < x < \infty$
Sign of f':	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$
Conclusion:	Decreasing	Increasing

Decreasing on: $(-\infty, -2)$

Increasing on: $(-2, \infty)$

(c) Relative minimum: $(-2, 0)$

1d)

(a) $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 9}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 9)(2x) - (x^2)(2x)}{(x^2 - 9)^2} = \frac{-18x}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

Critical number: $x = 0$

Discontinuities: $x = -3, 3$

(b)

Test intervals:	$-\infty < x < -3$	$-3 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 3$	$3 < x < \infty$
Sign of $f'(x)$:	$f' > 0$	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' < 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing

Increasing on: $(-\infty, -3), (-3, 0)$

Decreasing on: $(0, 3), (3, \infty)$

(c) Relative maximum: $(0, 0)$

1e) (a) $f'(x) = (x-1)^2 \bullet 1 + (x+3) \bullet 2(x-1)$

$f'(x) = (x-1)((x-1) + (x+3) \bullet 2)$

$f'(x) = (x-1)(3x+5)$

Critical numbers: $x = 1, -\frac{5}{3}$

(b)

Test intervals:	$-\infty < x < -\frac{5}{3}$	$-5/3 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Sign of f':	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Increasing on: $\left(-\infty, -\frac{5}{3}\right)$ and $(1, \infty)$

Decreasing on: $\left(-\frac{5}{3}, 1\right)$

(c) Relative maximum: $\left(-\frac{5}{3}, \frac{256}{27}\right)$

Relative minimum: $(1, 0)$

1f) (a) $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x^2, & x \le 0 \\ -2x, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -2x, & x < 0 \\ -2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

Critical number: $x = 0$

(b)

Test intervals:	$-\infty < x < 0$	$0 < x < \infty$
Sign of f':	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Decreasing

Increasing on: $(-\infty, 0)$

Decreasing on: $(0, \infty)$

(c) No relative extrema. (Note: $(0, 4)$ is an absolute maximum)

1g) (a) $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \cos x, 0 < x < 2\pi$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \sin x = 0$

Critical numbers: $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

(b)

Test intervals:	$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{6} < x < \frac{5\pi}{6}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6} < x < 2\pi$
Sign of $f'(x)$:	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Increasing on: $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{6}\right), \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, 2\pi\right)$

Decreasing on: $\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)$

(c) Relative maximum: $\left(\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi + 6\sqrt{3}}{12}\right)$

Relative minimum: $\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi - 6\sqrt{3}}{12}\right)$

1h) (a) $f(x) = \sin^2 x + \sin x, \quad 0 < x < 2\pi$

$f'(x) = 2 \sin x \cos x + \cos x = \cos x(2 \sin x + 1) = 0$

Critical numbers: $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

(b)

Test intervals:	$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{7\pi}{6}$	$\frac{7\pi}{6} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{3\pi}{2} < x < \frac{11\pi}{6}$	$\frac{11\pi}{6} < x < 2\pi$
Sign of $f'(x)$:	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$	$f' < 0$	$f' > 0$
Conclusion:	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Increasing on: $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \left(\frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right), \left(\frac{11\pi}{6}, 2\pi\right)$

Decreasing on: $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{6}\right), \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{11\pi}{6}\right)$

(c) Relative minima: $\left(\frac{7\pi}{6}, -\frac{1}{4}\right), \left(\frac{11\pi}{6}, -\frac{1}{4}\right)$

Relative maxima: $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 2\right), \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 0\right)$

2b) (a) f increasing on $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(0, 1)$ because

$f' > 0$

f decreasing on $(-1, 0)$ and $(1, \infty)$ because

$f' < 0$

(b) f has a relative maximum at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.

f has a relative minimum at $x = 0$.

2c) (a) Intervals of Increase $(-\infty, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$

Intervals of Decrease $(1, 2)$

(b) Relative maximum: $x = 1$

Relative minimum: $x = 2$